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Applicant has amended claims 1-8 and 10-13 and further amended the abstract. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments to the claims and abstract are supported by the application as originally filed and do not contain any new matter. Accordingly, the Office Action will be discussed in terms of the claims and abstract as amended.

The Examiner has objected to the abstract, stating that the abstract should be one paragraph on a single sheet. Applicant has amended the abstract to be one paragraph on a single sheet.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-13 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant has amended the claims 1-8 and 10-13. In addition and as to the "inner side" and "outer side" in claim 2, (refer to attached exemplary figure) in order to form a gland packing material by applying a stranding process to the base strip member 4 which has one side (the inner side) and the other side (the outer side), the stranding process is applied to the other side (outer side) of the base strip member 4 so as to be directed toward one side (inner side) of the base strip member 4. As a result, one side is a surface which faces the center in stranding the base strip member 4 and is the inner side in claim 2; while the other side is a surface which is opposite to the direction facing the center in stranding the base strip member 4 and is the outer side in claim 2. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that they are now definite.

In view of the above, therefore, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered, favorably considered and the case passed to issue.

Please charge any additional costs incurred by or in order to implement this Amendment or required by any requests for extensions of time to KODA & ANDROLIA DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 11-1445.

Respectfully submitted,

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